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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently herewith. Entry of this preliminary amendment is respectfully requested prior to performing substantive examination of the above-identified patent application. Favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$842.00 (\$770.00 fee + \$72 for four new dependent claims) to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 (Ref. No. TELNP226USA).